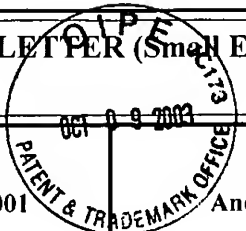
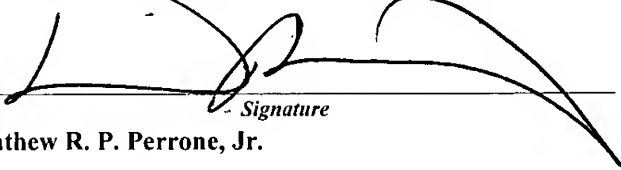
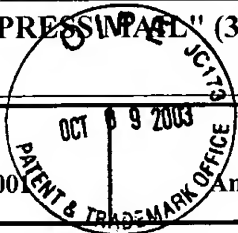


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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of July 28, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Listing of the Claims** begins on Page 3 of this paper. Amendments to the claims also begin on Page 3.

**Drawing Comments** begin on Page 9 of this paper.

**Restriction Discussion** begins on Page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 10 of this paper.

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#### DRAWING COMMENTS

The Examiner has objected to drawings for three reasons.

(1) The Examiner objects to the drawings because the Numeral 146 is not mentioned in the specification. The Examiner's attention is directed to Page 14, Lines 4 to 6.

(2) The Examiner objects to the drawings because the Numeral 128 is mentioned in the specification, and not in the drawings. The reference to Numeral 128 is replaced with a reference to Numeral 140.

(3) The Examiner objects to the drawings because the Panel 142 should be Panel 180. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Panel 142 and grained sheet 180 are different aspects of this invention. Such a different description is permitted.

#### RESTRICTION ELECTION

Applicant elects Group I to be prosecuted in this application, with traverse. Group I relates to Claims 1 to 11 and 18 to 20 drawn to a protective winter turf cover.

Group II, consisting of Claims 12 to 17, is directed to a method of preventing ground hydration.

The classification indicates an overlapping search; mitigate against such a rechecked requirement. Accordingly, withdrawal thereof and examination of all claims is requested. The mere allegation that the material can be used in the banking films is unsupported in the specification and any other suggestion, other than a statement by the Examiner. Accordingly, and there is no support for the different groups in the restriction requirement. Since the claim similarities have a great commonality, restriction is inappropriate. Withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.